WASHINGTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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SUGGESTED READING

Article by Donna J. Spindel: "Women's Civil Actions in the North Carolina Higher Courts, 1670-1730," *North Carolina Historical Review* 71 (April 1994) 151-173. You might find one of your Washington County ancestors; even if you don't, it makes interesting and enlightening reading.

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS READ

Three proposed amendments to the Washington County Genealogical Society's Bylaws were read at the April meeting:

1) to change official meeting day of the month from the last Sunday to the third Sunday of each month - time to remain the same; if approved, effective immediately.

2) to change membership dues from the present $10/$15 for individual/family respectively to $15/$18 for individual/family membership; if approved, effective 1 January 1995.

3) to create a sixth seat on the Board of Directors which will be held by immediate past president until he/she is no longer immediate past president; if approved, effective 1 January 1995.

Every dues-paying member is qualified to vote, subject only to a restriction prohibiting new members from voting in election of officers unless they meet time requirements provided by bylaws. If you have any reason to disapprove any of the proposed amendments, attend the 15 May meeting
(family membership entitles every member [i.e., husband / wife] to a vote, although family only receives one copy of publication)

Also to be considered at this meeting, according to conversation with President Russell Tyson, will be the consideration of memberships being effective with month in which dues are paid. New members will be able to purchase back copies of any publications, if this is approved by members.

WANTED

Artists who either reside in or have resided in Washington County, or who have family roots in the county, to submit proposed logo for the Washington County Bicentennial Commission. If you are an artist and want additional information, write Mrs. Betsy Modlin, Secretary, WCBC at R 2, Box 332, Plymouth NC 27962. A nice cash award will be presented to the winning entry.

In the same vein, old newspapers, documents, letters, photographs, postcards, deeds, - whatever relates to the 200-year history of the county and can be reproduced (by photocopying or photographing) or loaned to the county, are being sought.

WCBC will also be seeking entries by artists, same stipulations as above, for art suitable for limited-edition, signed prints to be offered the public in 1999.

LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND - 1994

Is now history. Russell Tyson, WCGS president, reported to the Beaufort County Genealogical Society at its regular May meeting that a goodly number of folks stopped by the WCGS booth asking for information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to: Dorothy L. Bangert, R 4 Bx 344A, Edenton, NC 27932; Fleedie Reynolds, P. O. Box 22, Columbia, NC 27928; Amanda R. Frymier, R 2 Bx 64, Plymouth NC 27962; David L. Sullivan, 9425 Mauck Court, Fairfax VA 22032 and Marlene L Cutrell, 5910 Old Valley School, Kernersville NC 27284.

And a reminder to Washington County members whose addresses may be changing from

rural route designations to road numbers to submit change of address to WCGS to avoid misdirection of future newsletters, etc. (To out-of-county members: we're getting geared up for Enhanced 911, thus the new addresses.)

NOW AVAILABLE

The thirteenth volume of *North Carolina Troops, 1861-1865: A Roster*, edited by Weymouth T. Jordan, Jr., is available for $38 plus $3 postage/handling is available from the Historical Publications Section, Division of Archives and History, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh NC 27601-2807.

The 742-page hardback volume contains...histories of the Fifty-third, Fifty-fourth, Fifty-fifth, and Fifty-sixth Regiments N.C. Infantry and the names and service records of the approximately 7,000 Confederate soldiers who served in those units.

"The four regiments featured in volume 13 are of considerable interest....Among the other battles in which the four regiments took part are Chancellorsville, Plymouth, Wilderness,..."

QUERY

Member Fannie M. Wootton, 778 Selma Rd, Wendell NC 27591, is seeking info on her inlaws: Joseph Leonard Waters m. Mary Ann Gardner; their son, Joseph Baker Waters (b. 26 July 1845, d. 10 Aug 1909, m. Allethea Avis Moore, b. 2 April, 1854, d. 6 June 1927 - dau of Wiley Moore and Mary Ann Gurganus (b. 20 Oct, 1827). Joseph Baker and Allethea Avis are bur. at Corinth Church, Jamesville NC.

Also searching info on: James Robert Newton, (b. 5 Sept 1875 in VA, d. 21 June, 1915; came to Martin County), son of Joe Newton and Martha Yancey. James Robert m. Adana Harriett Waters (b. 9 May 1874, d. 2 July, 1952. Both also bur. at Corinth.

REMEMBER NEW MEETING DATE! - SUNDAY, 15 MAY 1994 - 3 P.M. LIBRARY

Christina Hsu, librarian, is leaving at the end of May; she will be unable to attend our May meeting, but we're going to "shower" her with bridal gifts anyway. She has a prior commitment (another shower) - members are invited to bring bridal gifts if they so choose. Host/hostess: Harrison & Shirleyan Phelps.

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